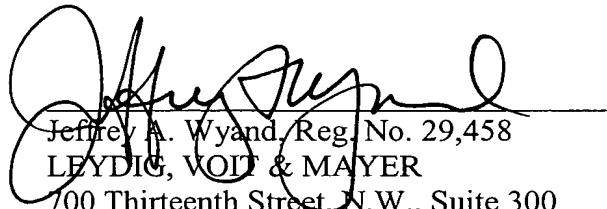


REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment corrects translational errors and conforms the claims to United States practice. No new matter is added.

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